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SUBJECT: CODEL YATES: TENTATIVE PLANS TO VISIT USSR
AUGUST 11-13

1. ON BEHALF OF INTERIOR SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT JULY 18 QUERIED SOVIET EMBASSY ABOUT POSSIBLE TRIP BY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VISIT U-25 MHD FACILITY WITH U.S. MAGNET SYSTEM AND DISCUSS RELATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS WITH SOVIET SPECIALISTS. SOVIET EMBASSY (SCIENCE SECTION) RESPONDED POSITIVELY BUT WITHOUT COMMITMENT, ADVISED CODEL TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS, AND UNDERTOOK TO RAISE TRIP WITH STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCST) IN MOSCOW.

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2. SUBCOMMITTEE TENTATIVELY PLANNING ON FOLLOWING LINES:

- DELEGATION LED BY INTERIOR SUBCOMMITTEE C; AIRMAN SIDNEY YATES (D., ILLINOIS), WITH CONGRESSMEN FRANK EVANS (D., COLORADO), JOSEPH MCDADE (R., PENNSYLVANIA), ROBERT DUNCAN (D., OREGON), AND GEORGE O'BRIEN (R., ILLINOIS), TWO OR

THREE STAFF MEMBERS AND WIVES--TOTAL ABOUT 14;

-DEPART BRUSSELS AUGUST 11 BY U.S. MILITARY AIR, ARRIVE
MOSCOW SAME DAY;

-VISIT U-25 MHD FACILITY AUGUST 12; AND

-DEPART MOSCOW A.M. AUGUST 13.

3. DELEGATION'S PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS TO REVIEW MHD
PROGRAM SINCE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS EXTENSIVE RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR FUNDING OF U.S. PROGRAMS IN ENERGY FIELD. IF
WORKABLE WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO MHD REVIEW, DELEGATION
WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS UNDERGROUND COAL
GASIFICATION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN ENERGY AND ENERGY
CONSERVATION. SOCIAL EVENT WITH CHANCE TO CONVERSE
INFORMALLY WITH SOVIET EXPERTS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED.

4. RE MILITARY AIR, CODEL WILL HAVE C-9 AVAILABLE FROM
U.S. MILITARY IN EUROPE. CODEL STAFF HAS BEEN ADVISED
TO HAVE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES INITIATED IN COORDINATION
WITH DAO MOSCOW WITHOUT DELAY.

5. AT ITS DISCRETION EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH
SCST AND/OR MFA.

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